

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 27, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 65-68 were pending, and rejected claims 65-68. Claims 65-68 have been canceled, new claims 69-83 have been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 69-83 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 65-68 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. These claims have been cancelled.

Pages 3-5 of the Office Action rejects claims 65-68 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over various combinations of DeLorme, Bird and Kawamoto. Claims 65-68 have been cancelled. New claims 69-83 have been added.

DeLorme is directed to system that allows a user to determine the location of a portable device on a paper map when an electronic device electronically indicates the location.

Bird is directed to a system for finding missing vehicles where a page is sent to the missing vehicle which determines its location using a GPS receiver and then informs a central location of the missing vehicle location.

Kawamoto is directed to a system where a server requests positional information from a portable terminal so that the information can be displayed on another portable terminal

The present invention of independent claims 69 and 76 is directed to a system for monitoring the location of a portable or movable terminal where that location is held by a center that manages location information for portable terminals. In particular, the present invention monitors the location of the portable terminal and provides an alarm or warning signal to a second terminal when the portable terminal stays at a location within a specified monitoring area for a predetermined or pre-assigned length of time. The system allows the second terminal to set the monitoring area and uses location indicators stored in a log form to make the determination. The prior art of DeLorme, Bird and Kawamoto does not teach or suggest such.

The invention of independent claim 79 is directed to a portable terminal that acquires location indicators for itself, that is, position information about where it is located at predetermined time intervals and transmits or reports that position information to a location management system. The terminal is of a type that different type positional indicator systems can be used to provide the position information. When the positional indication system being currently used by the terminal becomes unusable at one of the predetermined time intervals

when a position is to be sampled and reported, the terminal automatically switches to a different type position indicator system to obtain the position information that is then reported.

It is submitted that the invention of independent claims distinguishes over the prior art and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

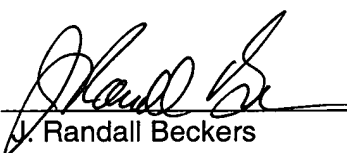
It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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